

Canada's native groups participated in New Zealand's celebration of 150 years of nationhood and also participated in the Commonwealth Games ceremonies.

Canadian exports to Western Europe reached \$13.3 billion in 1989. Canadian newsprint worth \$100 million was allowed to enter the European Community duty-free as a result of Canadian diplomatic initiatives.

In Eastern Europe, Canada worked through the coordinating group of 24 nations (G-24) to alleviate economic dislocation that could threaten reforms in Central and Eastern Europe. A Task Force on Hungary and Poland was set up to support both the process of democratization and economic change. The Department developed a program of cooperation that comprises over

\$72 million in support of the stabilization of these two countries.

Canada is actively encouraging Canadian trade and investment in the U.S.S.R. and Central and Eastern Europe, and has extended a \$500 million line of credit to the Soviet Union. Canada is also participating in the newly established European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Canada has been an active participant in a number of forums to discuss the end of East-West relations as they have been known since World War II. These include NATO, the G-7, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the G-24, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

DEFENCE AND COLLECTIVE SECURITY

In the past year, Canada led the first UN review of peacekeeping support. Also, NATO officially welcomed the economic and political reforms in Europe.

Canada has continued its activist role against the use of chemical weapons, for cessation of nuclear testing and for prevention of an arms race in outer space. The Department continues to work for reduced military confrontation

between East and West. In February 1990, Canada hosted the first Open Skies Conference, involving the 23 foreign ministers of NATO and WTO member states.

In Paris, at the Conference on the Human Dimension, the Canadian delegation took a leading role in pressing for strengthened commitments to human rights.